

# STATE OF WAR WITH GERMANY VIRTUALLY EXISTS

## Feverish Activity Manifested in Placing Navy in Position to Attack Country Goes on War Footing BY SPEEDING NAVAL CONTRACTS

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—Preparation for aggressive action by the navy against the German submarine menace has begun at the direction of President Wilson.

The president authorized the expenditure of the \$115,000,000 emergency fund provided by Congress to speed up naval construction and pay for special additional war craft and the suspension of the eight-hour labor law in plants engaged on navy work.

Immediately afterward Secretary Daniels ordered the New York navy yard to begin building six submarine chasers of the 110 foot type, to be completed in from 60 to 90 days.

With the president's approval, the secretary also ordered the graduation of the first and second classes at the naval academy. The first class will go out March 29, releasing 172 junior officers to fill existing vacancies, and the second in September, furnishing 202 more—a full year before they otherwise would be available.

While the energies of the navy will be concentrated for the present on attempts to get into commission craft designed particularly to destroy submarines and guard the coast, warship building generally will be speeded up under the recent agreement with private builders and with the funds now made available.

Engines for the "chasers" to be turned out by the New York plant will be bought from private manufacturers in time to have them installed promptly upon completion of the hulls. Fids for 200 or more craft of the same type, "coast patrol" boats as they are designated, will be ordered next Wednesday, Mr. Daniels has called upon the entire small boat industry to submit figures as to the number that could be

turned out at high speed. He plans to monopolize the market with government orders.

A large number of privately owned motor craft available for navy use may be drawn upon at any time. Retired naval officers have been at work along the entire Atlantic coast surveying boats for a month. Contracts have been made for their purchase and a telegraphic order will make them government property overnight.

Volunteer crews for the boats have been enrolled among yachtsmen and others along the coasts. Commanders of naval districts are ready to begin patrol work with virtually no delay.

Navy officials estimated that within four months 2000 patrols and chasers will be ready for action. It is planned to assemble the volunteers within a few days to begin actual work.

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Swim in Honolulu when rain falls

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 20.—Honolulu had 5.4 inches of rain during the 24 hours ending at eight o'clock this morning.

### WARSHIP IS SUNK BY A SUBMARINE

BERLIN CLAIMS TO HAVE DESTROYED FRENCH VESSEL OF FIRST CLASS

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Mar. 20.—A submarine sank a French battleship in the Mediterranean, the admiral has announced.

## WILSON SAYS GERMANY ALREADY MAKING WAR ON THE UNITED STATES

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—It is definitely learned that the president has not finally determined on any forward step beyond active preparation of the navy. He takes the position that the nation must be placed in a better state of preparedness because, from a practical standpoint, Germany is making war on the United States. The nation is already virtually in a state of war, the only question being whether there shall be an immediate announcement.

President Wilson is expected within the next 48 hours to indicate definitely that he believes a virtual state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

Preparation for aggressive action to protect American rights began when the president personally visited the navy department and directed Secretary Daniels to utilize the \$115,000,000 made available by Congress to hasten naval building plans.

Early graduation of two classes at Annapolis and the mobilization of reserves will make it possible to man quickly all ships of the navy.

The question was also taken up of getting into communication informally with Great Britain and France to discuss co-operation in the protection of commerce later. This step probably will not be taken until the course of the United States

has been finally determined.

The president likewise saw Secretaries Lansing and McAdoo, and William Denman, chairman of the federal shipping board and there was every indication that he was mapping out comprehensive plans for the protection of American interests in any eventuality.

A suggestion advanced was that the president might issue a call for Congress to meet within ten days and in his proclamation point out the new situation facing the nation since he asked for authority to establish a state of armed neutrality. No one professed, however, to be in the president confidence.

### ARMY DESTROYS EVERYTHING MEN CANNOT REMOVE

BAD WEATHER RETARDS PURSUIT OF ARMY RETREATING FROM PERONNE

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Mar. 20.—The French still are maintaining contact with the Germans along the retreating front. This is most difficult because all means of communication have been destroyed and on account of bad weather. The French repulsed German attacks at Arcourt wood and Hill No. 304 at Verdun. Serious losses were inflicted on the Germans.

(By Associated Press.)  
BRITISH FIELD HEADQUARTERS, France, Mar. 20.—Before leaving Peronne the Germans hacked down with axes the avenue of trees leading to the railway station. Elsewhere they wrecked trees and gardens untouched by shell fire; saved through all fruit trees, wreck of buildings by interior explosions and inserted a false section in foot bridge across the Somme, which gave way at the first pressure.

### NOTE TO CARRANZA FINALLY GIVEN OUT

EMBARGO ON EXPORTS WOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS NEUTRAL CONDUCT

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—The note to Carranza declining to cut off exports to belligerents has been made public. Refusal was based on the present apparent hopelessness of peace, and Germany's attempts to embroil Mexico and Japan in war with the United States, and the belief that restriction of commerce with the belligerents would be unequal discrimination.

The note to Carranza concludes: "The president would not be understood as desiring to impede progress of the movement leading to a resumption of peaceful relations and would not, therefore, wish the Mexican government to feel that his inability to act should militate against the attainment of the high ideals of Carranza by the co-operation of other neutral governments in friendly mediation."

### SEAMEN SLAIN IN COLD BLOOD

CREWS OF RELIEF SHIP BECOME VICTIMS OF RUTHLESS WARFARE

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Mar. 20.—A boat containing seamen of the Dutch steamer Sellen, chartered by the Belgian relief commission, has been shelled by a submarine and all the occupants killed.

"The Dutch steamer Sellen," says the dispatch, has reached Stavanger, Norway, bound for New York in ballast. She left Rotterdam Friday, bearing the usual designations of the Belgian relief committee, and was attacked at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon by a German submarine.

"The Sellen did not stop, but after some shots lowered a life boat, in which the first, second and third mates and five seamen embarked. The boat was then struck by a shell, and all eight were killed.

"The Sellen put on full speed ahead, and the submarine disappeared."

(By Associated Press.)  
AMSTERDAM, Mar. 20.—A Rotterdam dispatch to the Handelsblad says: "Two of the five relief ships, which, with letters of safe conduct from the German legation, were en route northward, were shelled by a German submarine in the so-called 'safe passage.' Seven men were killed aboard the Tunisie, which entered Stavanger. The other vessels continued on their voyage."

### ARMY AND NAVY UNITED IN RUSSIA

RECOGNITION OF THE REVOLUTIONISTS AT PETROGRAD GROWS IMPORTANT

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—Complete co-operation of the Russian army and navy with the revolutionary government is reported by Ambassador Francis, to the state department. Good order is said to prevail. The question of recognition of the new government by the United States is increasingly important.

TEAR PICTURE OF KAISER FROM SCHOOL ROOM WALL

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—Patriotic students in the Central high school today tore from the wall of a class room a picture of Emperor William of Germany, and hung in its place a photograph of President Wilson, decorated with two American flags.

### MILLIONS OWED TO EMPLOYEES

BACK PAY SINCE FIRST OF JANUARY IS ESTIMATED AT \$12,000,000

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Mar. 20.—With the nation-wide strike averted and the Adamson act declared constitutional, the controversy that has raged between the railroads and their employees for nearly a year over the question of hours and wages has passed into history.

All that remains is to decide how much back pay the employees are entitled to, inasmuch as the agreement signed by both sides and the Adamson act provide that the operation of the new wage and schedule shall be effective from January 1. Both the brotherhood and the managers will get together on this point tomorrow. It is estimated the employees have been \$12,000,000 and \$13,000,000 coming to them.

W. G. Lee, spokesman for the brotherhoods, made it plain today that he looked for peace in the railroad world for a long time. Asked whether there was any intention to bring up in the conference today the question of punitive overtime, Mr. Lee said:

"That will not be brought up now. We believe that overtime can largely be done away with by speeding up the schedules."

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—The New Orleans navy yard will build four submarine chasers immediately.

### COMPLETE SYNOPSIS OF OPINION RENDERED IN ADAMSON CASE

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—By an epochal decision holding Congress to be clothed with any and all power necessary to keep open the channels of interstate commerce, the supreme court yesterday, dividing 5 to 4, sustained the Adamson law as constitutional and enforceable.

The immediate effect of the decision will be to fix a permanent basic eight-hour day in computing wage scales on interstate railroads, for which a nation-wide strike has been twice threatened, and to give effect from January 1 of this year, increases in wages to trainmen of about 25 per cent at a cost of the railroads estimated at from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 a year.

The court through Chief Justice

### INTERNEED MEN TRY TO ESCAPE

SEVEN SLIP AWAY IN THE DARK. NESS AND ARE TAKEN BY POLICE

(By Associated Press.)  
PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 20.—Under cover of darkness seven sailors of the German commerce raiders Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, interned at the Philadelphia navy yard, made an attempt to escape tonight, all seven being captured by marines and police after shots were fired at the fugitives.

Lieutenant Schortz and Machinist Mate Herman Schroder are believed to have been drowned in attempting escape.

A sentry on post near the raiders heard several splashes in the back channel and fired a warning shot. Police on guard near the channel saw four of the German sailors swimming about 50 yards from the interned vessels, and discharged their revolvers over the heads of the men. The four Germans turned and swam back surrendering without resistance.

Meantime as a marine detachment was rushed towards the back channels, three other German sailors slipped into the meadows. Running along the seawall to avoid the barbed wire barrier partly encircling the interned ships, they tried to slip past a sentry. The sentry fired and ran towards the little group. Mounted police galloped over the meadows (Continued on Page Four)

Wait for pardon for two slavers

DIGGS AND CAMINETTI AT LIBERTY PENDING ACTION BY THE PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 20.—The United States supreme court mandates ordering Caminetti and Diggs to prison are being held up by Attorney General Gregory pending the president's consideration of their pardon applications, according to Marshall Woodworth, counsel for the convicted men. They were due to arrive today.

While declared both carriers and their employees engaged in a business charged with a public interest, subject to the right of Congress to arbitrate compulsorily a dispute affecting the operation of that business.

"Whatever would be the right of an employee engaged in private business to demand such wages as he desires, to leave the employment if he does not get them, and by concert of action to agree with others leave on the same conditions," said the opinion, "such rights are necessarily subject to limitations when employment is accepted in a business charged with a public interest and as to which the power to regulate commerce by Congress applied and the resulting right to fix in case of disagreement or dispute, a

### NEWS OF RETREAT GIVEN IN BERLIN

EDITORS SAY RETIREMENT IS A MASTER STROKE TO OUT- WITH THE ALLIES

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Mar. 20.—Newspapers today give the public the first news of the big German retreat. Articles by military experts explain the move is meant as a strategic plan for a decision on the western front and a master stroke to vitiate preparations of the entente for an offensive. The writers express fullest confidence in von Hindenburg, reminding readers of his retreats before Warsaw and Transylvania, which were master moves.

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### FULL STRENGTH OF THE NAVY

NEXT STEP WILL BE TO CALL OUT 10,000 MEN OF THE NAVAL MILITIA

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—The enlisted personnel of the navy is being recruited rapidly, at present, a total of 60,000 men being attained. Congress has authorized a total strength of 74,000, and given the president authority to increase that to 87,000 in emergency. That power will not be exercised, however, until a strength of 70,000 has been reached.

In the event of complete mobilization three steps would be taken: Retired officers would be summoned to duty at yards and other shore stations, relieving active officers for sea duty; the fleet reserve, now about 1200 strong in highly trained men, would be called to the colors and the navy militia, about 10,000 would be called out. With these men available, it is estimated that every ship of military value, including all reserve battle craft and cruisers and destroyers, could be made ready at once for action. Each reserve ship now has a skeleton crew aboard, including the men of the engine room and the gunnery divisions.

### GLOATING OVER SUBMARINE LOSS

BERLIN SAYS FULL MILLION TONS WOULD HAVE BEEN SUNK NORMALLY

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Mar. 20.—Commenting on the admiralty announcement that submarines have sunk merchantmen aggregating a gross tonnage of 781,000 in February, the Berlin newspapers say the result is 50 per cent over what might be expected, due to the almost entire interruption of neutral trade with England.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO	
Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah:	
5 a. m.	39 50
9 a. m.	36 48
12 noon	42 49
3 p. m.	45 42
Maximum	44 61
Minimum	30 50
Relative humidity at 2 p. m.	
today, 28 per cent.	

### WOMEN WANTED FOR U. S. NAVY IS LATEST ORDER

SING HO THE MERRY SAILORS THAT WE ARE, WILL BE A POPULAR REFRAIN

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 20.—Secretary Daniels has ordered naval commandants at shore stations that all recruiting officers be prepared to enlist women for actual service in case of emergency. The judge advocate has ruled that women can be enlisted. While it is not intended to place them aboard ships, they may be utilized for shore duty in connection with coast defense.

Grades corresponding to the yeoman class will be given those qualifying as stenographers and clerks.

### SOCIALISTS SEND OUT CALL FOR CONVENTION

MEMBERS SUMMONED TO DEFINE ATTITUDE OF THE ORGANIZATION

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Mar. 20.—The national executive council of the Socialist party has sent out a call for what is termed "an emergency national convention" to consider the attitude of the organization towards impending war. The convention will be held in St. Louis, Mo., beginning April 7th.

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